

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A protective tarp for covering a mass, which comprises:

a flat, flexible sheet material having a top and a bottom
and having a peripheral edge;

a plurality of tank compartment anchors located along
said peripheral edge and having at least one fill orifice and having
closure means for said at least one fill orifice.

2. The protective tarp of claim 1 wherein said plurality of tank
compartment anchors are hollow, flexible tank compartment anchors.

3. The protective tarp of claim 2 wherein said tank compartment
anchors and said sheet material are formed of the same material.

4. The protective tarp of claim 1 wherein said sheet material is rectangular from a top view and has four edges, said four edges being two sets of two opposite edges.

5. The protective tarp of claim 5 wherein there are at least two edges opposite one another which contain a plurality of tank compartment anchors.

6. The protective tarp of claim 1 wherein said protective tarp is a continuous tarp of substantial predetermined length having a central area away from said edges, and having a plurality of central tank compartment anchors located at said central area.

7. The protective tarp of claim 6 wherein said central tank compartment anchors are aligned in a row at a right angle to an edge.

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8. The protective tarp of claim 7 wherein there are a plurality of groups of central tank compartment anchors, each group being located at said central area at disparate sections of said central area.

5 9. The protective tarp of claim 8 wherein each group of said plurality of groups of central tank compartment anchors are located equidistant from one another.

10 10. The protective tarp of claim 8 wherein at least a portion of said central tank compartment anchors are arranged in pairs so that said tarp may be cut between said pairs to create multiple tarps with tank compartment anchors along all edges thereof.

11. A protective tarp for covering a mass, which comprises:

15 a flat, flexible waterproof sheet material having a top and a bottom and having a plurality of edges;

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along each of the at least two said plurality of edges, a plurality of tank compartment anchors having at least one fill orifice and having closure means for said at least one fill orifice.

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12. The protective tarp of claim 11 wherein said plurality of tank compartment anchors are hollow, flexible tank compartment anchors.

13. The protective tarp of claim 12 wherein said tank compartment anchors and said sheet material are formed of the same material.

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14. The protective tarp of claim 11 wherein said sheet material is rectangular from a top view and has four edges, said four edges being two sets of two opposite edges.

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15. The protective tarp of claim 15 wherein there are at least two edges opposite one another which contain a plurality of tank compartment anchors.

5 16. The protective tarp of claim 11 wherein said protective tarp is a continuous tarp of substantial predetermined length having a central area away from said edges, and having a plurality of central tank compartment anchors located at said central area.

10 17. The protective tarp of claim 16 wherein said central tank compartment anchors are aligned in a row at a right angle to an edge.

15 18. The protective tarp of claim 17 wherein there are a plurality of groups of central tank compartment anchors, each group being located at said central area at disparate sections of said central area.

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19. The protective tarp of claim 18 wherein each group of said plurality of groups of central tank compartment anchors are located equidistant from one another.

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20. The protective tarp of claim 18 wherein at least a portion of said central tank compartment anchors are arranged in pairs so that said tarp may be cut between said pairs to create multiple tarps with tank compartment anchors along all edges thereof.

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